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FRIENDS' FLORAL CORNER My Special Letter No. 7.

When I began My Special Letter No. 6 I told you it was to be the last, but what I wanted to tell you filled more than the space the Editor allowed me, so I shall continue with the same thought this month.

In speaking of Parks Floral Magazine, let me repeat, it must always be devoted to flowers, and the minute it goes out of that field its day of usefulness has ceased.

We have about six hundred thousand subscribers at the present time that are not yet all on the subscription list, because this is an enormous number of subscribers, trained help is limited in the country, it takes a year for a young woman to become sufficiently experienced in cutting the stencils from which the address labels are printed on the Magazine each month so that she can turn out towards a thousand a day, and we have had the stencil system less than three years. But just think what it would mean to us if, in response to this plea, next month we should receive ten thousand letters.

In a way you may think we have been slow in getting down to the point where the Magazine will reach you on the same date every month and will be larger, so far as the num-ber of pages is concerned, but let me tell you, it has been no easy job to take a business runin its forty-nith year just as it had been in its second year, without a single item of modern equipment, carried on only because there was no other work for women, girls and boys and very little for the men within the community and, therefore, wages were virtually nothing, and to change it all over in three years to modern standards, where improved equipment, trained help and time-saving methods must be employed to get double and treble wages, paper costing three times as much and magazine postage more than trebled in rate per pound.

It has taken all the patience and skill of years of experience and has cost hundreds of thousands of dollars in money to bring about these improved conditions at Lapark, but we feel that a tremendous advantage has been made, that the investment of capital, excepting tor additional machinery, greenhouses and lands, as the business increases, has about reached its end, and that now, in a few months more, smooth working without the noise and commotion of carpenters, steam-fitters and all that sort of thing, just a few wonths of quiet work, at his life's job, will remedy rec-ognized efficiency all the way through, and deliver to you, as regularly as clock work, each month's Magazine on a certain, fixed date, that you may mark on your calendar as Parks Floral Magazine Day, assisting us in the way I have tried to already point out in my last special letter to the"Corner", and we will do the rest, until we have a happy floral fam lly of more than two million readers of Pars Floral Magazine.

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I would enjoy very much finding on my table every morning during the next three or four weeks two hundred or three bundred letters asking me to tell more about the Magazine and suggesting possible changes. I promise that every letter will have the most careful consideration, even though many of the suggestions, for reasons one could not expect the writer to know, cannot be adopted.

General Manager.

Dear Floral Friends: How many, many times have I enjoyed your interesting and in structive talks on gardening and the culture of flowers! I, too, love them, and have spent a great deal of my time in working in house and garden, caring for plants and flowers, both the still life, mute little sisters who breathe out their love in sweet fragrance to us and gardine gratitude to their covers, with their radiate gratitude to their Creator with their beautifully varied foliage.

I love to let memory drift back to a little garden of long ago. My mother was very fond of flowers and there were the neatest beds of different forms and sizes: portulaca, mignonette, heart's ease, stocks, balsams, asters, and other kinds, all edged around with pumila iris, and divided by the smoothest little paths A broad path ran through the center, and tiger lilies, blackberry lilies, yellow iris, ribbon grass, oldman, sweetmary and roses of red, with a path of the center of the same path of the center of the same path of the s pink and yellow, were planted along the outer edge to make a pretty background for the

But the flower that I remember farthest back was a little, slender plant, about a foot high, the foliage resembling that of phlox in shape, and in color, that of carnations, a blue-green. The pink flowers were in clusters near the stem of the plant. My mother called them "Fette-henue". I took a fancy to them when I was a child, and it still clings to me. I wonder if any of the readers know this plant or can tell from my description? would like so much to see it once more.

I remember with what intense interest I watched the first tiger lily buds develop and how mysterious it seemed when a little green bud turned pink and then red. I wondered bud turned pink and then red. I wondered and wondered what was inside of it.and what made it turn red, so, out of childish curiosity. I plucked the pretty bud, climbed to the kitchen roof where I was sure to be out of sight, and there dissected the bud, piece by piece.

Last spring I had planned to plant feros, fuchsias, begonias and some other plants that like shade, on the north side of our house, next to the stone wall, where the eavespout comes down to the cistern. It would be easy to turn the water on them and keep them damp all the time. The spirit was willing but the flesh played off, so we took a rest cure and it worked out all right. I still have the pleasure of looking forward to the carrying out of this little plan in the future.

And many are the plans I have made to be worked out this season

Schneewittchen, Minn.

It is particularly admirable and effective where, because of outside views or interior arrangements of rooms, some screen is necessary, though not one so dense as to exclude all the light. The cobaea's fine foliage answers this purpose exactly and, being only a tender annual, may be removed the very first dark days. for frost withers the leaves immediately. It is an elegant climber, often growing thirty feet in a single season when given a bit of extra work and care. Its growth and flowering season can be much hastened and prolonged by planting the seeds indoors, or in a hot-bed, very early and transplanting the young plants outdoors, after all danger of frost is over.

A few of the plants can be carefully lifted and trimmed for indoors during the winter and may be planted out again in the spring. Give them a rich soil for best results, watering freely should the season be dry. It is very clean, which is a most commendable feature, that is, there are no bugs or aphis ever noticed upon it. Their daintily beautiful "Cathedral Bells", as some styled them, are especially sweet and satisfactory in either the violet or white.

Elsie B. Stoner, Penna.

The blue and the white vinca are hardy n Maine. In 1911 I set some out and immediately forgot all about them. Then we were away from home for four years. How they did grow and thrive in our absence! It was a surprise to me, because I always supposed they were just for summer decorations, with never a thought that they would survive our cold wint-"seeing is believing", thinking there might be others that had the same idea about them, I pass this along.

Purple Fringed Orchis, Me.

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and coldframe space in a tomato, cabbage, cauliflower, pepper and other plants for setting in the garden. Such plants may, of course, be purchased from stores or from people who make a business of growing them, but with proper attention, the gardener himself can usually grow plants that will be more satisfactory. With a little hotbed and coldframe space, and a few clay or paper pots, or dirt bands, it is possible to grow tomato plants which will fruit much earlier than those offered for sale. melons and cucumbers may be started in this way, and transplanted outside, after danger of frost is over, thus securing an earlier crop. If space is available, crops of lettuce and radishes may be planted in these structures and matured much earlier than they do when grown out of doors.

Hotbeds are usually heated by ferment ing manure and are used mainly for starting plants which are to be transplanted outside later, and for growing short season crops like radishes and lettuce. Coldframes are used as a place for transplanting plants started in the hotbeds. They are heated but are covered with glass or cloth which affords the plants some protection. Plants are set in coldframes for the purpose of "hardening them off", so when they are removed to the field, they will not suffer too much from the change. Collfra s may also be used to start some plants, such as late cabbage and celery, and for growing radishes, beets, lettuce and car-

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Iris, Okla.

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Dottchos family and the wild cucumber Both are easy to grow, easy to look at, and have no insect enemies to speak of. Besides, I have always hankered Wisteria vine, and since one would cause discord in our family group, the Wisterna-hued Dolichos is "just as good".

white Dolichos is very lovely, also After my men folks grew content sit under their own vines, I planted the wild hop, thinking it might prove a suc-While it was so far as luxuriance of growth is considered, it is SO ugly when Fall comes, and one does not like an unlovely old age. So I am taking it out, though it is persistent. In its place I have the wild grape; I do not know why love the wild grape so, but I do. eral very pleasant, very early memories are connected with it Indeed, the one 1 have is a seedling from a bunch my husband and I brought home one afternoon on one of those rare occasions when I can persuade him to go holidaying with I have a Virginia creeper, too, that I dug up in the woods and brought home The man-of-affairs does as a souvenir. not know why i prize a certain bunch of wild Columbine, some red Phlox from the roadside and a certain walnut tree, out of the sapling stage, but I do are my rosary, I say them o'er and o'er; happy days that are gone, but that live again in these treasures of mine.

But as to vines; the Madeira vine is splendid possession, with its smooth, glossy foliage and lavished bloom. fragrance, too, makes it a thing to he Perhaps paniculata, coveted. Clematis the white variety, is my favorite of that family. It grows very robustly compared with the others. Jackmanii is a beautiful thing but will not give you the comfort some of the others will.

There are, of course, if one among the hardy vines, such old and true favorites as the Bignonia, Honey suckle and Wisteria, to say nothing of sundry Roses. However. and Rose to me should not appear too ambi-I would rather they had less of the climbing instinct, but everyone At all events, plant a vine and then another, and you will know the first season how Jonah felt as he sat on hill above Nineveh and sulked, fore the cutworm took matters into own mouth, so to speak-"so Jonah was exceeding glad of the gourd"

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Addie E. Clark, Ky.

In order to have your house-plants symmetrical in form it is necessary to turn them from time to time, as keeping them continuously exposed in the same position will produce lop-sided specimens.

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Last autumn we received, from a relative who resides in California, some specimens of beautiful fuchsias that are grown out of doors in their state and attain a large size. In England are also found hardy varieties.

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Bertha B. Hammond, N. Y.

Now is the time to sow geranium seed if expected to bloom this fall. I have always had flowers from seed sown in March, or April, then planted outside; but could not get blooms from plants kept in pots before the second The trusses of bloom are much larger and the individual flowers are twice the size of those bought from florists. Give them good, rich soil, planting twelve to fifteen inches apart, and you will be well repaid. I have had flowers in four months, but usually they begin blooming in September.

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Except when you wish to save seed, all perennial flower stalks should be cut off as soon as the flowers fade. When a plant is maturing seed it ceases to produce flowers.

Cultivation and fertilizers play as important a part in the flower garden as they do in the vegetable plot and the ground should be as friable and free from weeds where the columbine and larkspur grow as where there are pota-

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"Grow it for two ends: it matters not at all, Be't for my bridall or for my buriall."

At the funeral of a soldier shot for mutiny in 1649, the corpse was adorned with bundles of Rosemary, one-half of each stained with blood. As Rosemary was dipped in scented water when worn by the bride at the altar, so at funerals it was dipped in plain water. It was the custom at funeral processions when ready to start out, to nail up the coffin, after which the servants presented the company with sprigs of Rosemary, which every one accepted and carried to the grave, and threw them in after the corpse had been lowered. No doubt Shakespeare had in mind this custom when he makes Friar Lawrence in Romeo and



Juliet, say:

'Dry up your tears and stick your Rosemary'

Gay describes the strewing of flowers

upon the graves thus:
"Upon the grave the Rosemary they threw,
The daisy, butter'd-flower, and endive blue."
In Dekker's work on "The Wonderfull Yeare" (1603), he describes a charnel house payement "instead of greene rushes strewede with blasted Rosemary. wither'd hyacinth, fatall cipresse, and ewe, thickly mingled with heapes of dead men's bones." Such was the result of the plague, and since Rosemary was in such great demand for funerals, he adds, Rosemary, which had wont to be sold for twelve pence an armful, went now at six shillings a handful." Because Rosemary was used both at weddings and funerals, a quaint old writer speaks of a man who wished to be married again on the day of his former wife's funeral, because the Rosemary which was employed at her obsequies, would also do as well for the wedding ceremonies. In some

parts of Germany it is still used: the custom in France was to put a branch of it in the hands of the dead as he lay in the coffin.

In the language of flowers the Rosemary is the symbol of remembrance. It was the custom in olden times for the bride to have sprigs of Rosemary tied about her silken sleeves. In the bride-cup of silver which was carried before her was a "goodly branch of Rosemary, gilded very fair, and hung about the silken ribands of many colors." As this plant is the symbol of remembrance, this served to remind the bride of the dear old roof-tree she was leaving, of her youth, and of those loving hearts she was leaving behind, possibly forever. Shakespeare and other poets have repeatedly spoken of Rosemary as an emblem of remembrance, and as being worn at weddings to signify the fidelity of the lovers. The following words are spoken

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It was the custom, even as late as 1698, according to Brand, to deck the bridal bed with sprigs of Rosemary; and according to the famous old Ben Johnson, it was customary for the bridesmaids on the bridegroom's first appearance on morning of his wedding day, to present him with a spray of Rosemary bound with ribbons. From an old song once quite popular in the Isle of Crete, we learn that when the bride had already been decked with flowers, she called for a sprig of Rosemary, which was regard. ed as an augury for good, and the nectar flower which conferred long life upon the bride and bridegroom

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Red Bud, Wisc.

Sisters: I have a tuberous-rooted gonia that I got eight years ago every season it gets larger and brighter It sets out on my porch through the summer, and in the fall I put it up on top of the cupboard. In March I take it down and begin to water. then take out some of the old soil and replace with well-rotted manure and sand. Last year four large almost see it grow. stalks came up with such large leaves and just covered with bright, shell-pink, single blossoms as large as a teacup

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Dear Floral Friends: While we are very busy with our Spring planting I hope can give a little advice that may be helptul to some of you. It is going to be about Chrysanthemums, for I believe it I have a favorite among the flowers it lies between this one and the Rose.

Put your Chrysanthemums first in a four-inch pot in ordinary garden soil and then set them, pot and all, in a trench filled in with ashes. This will keep out worms and, also, keep the roots cool. Chrysanthemums need lots of water; never let them become dry. Late evening or early morning is the best time to water the plants. They should be repotted about twice, say the first of July and the first of August, in a larger pot each time, in richer soil.

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And fragrance, which a warmer clime
Would loud their praises sing.

sweet, compelling fragrance, too; Once known, nor yet forgot;
O, searchers, spare the vines, we pray,
Lest others find it not.

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The brook down through the pasture çan To gain the open moor; And on its tinkling, merry way, Wished spring to come once more,

with bubbling throat, The chick a-dee, Like a busy, little bee, Just fluttered 'round and cheerfully sang His chick-a-dee-dee-dee.

Old winter, you've been with us long, With ice and cold and snow; We welcomed you as was your right, But now we bid you go.

So, welcome spring! Come soon to us, Melt all, this ice and snow, Uncover all the pretty flowers, And call them forth to show

Their many, many colors,
With the blessed hope they bring,
That somehow, somewhere, there will be
A long, eternal spring.

Mrs. Olive S. Howard, N. H.

Dear Floral Friends: Let me tell you about my early Spring flowers. Under some spruce trees in front of the house have planted some Snowdrops and Scil-The Snowdrops are the first to blossom in the Spring, just as soon as the snow is off enough so that they can push up through. The Scillas come later, then some Grape Hyacinths later still, after the others are gone. These are followed by the Tulips'and Narcissus. I would advise anyone to plant some of these early bulbs, for it is so cheering to see them peeping up out of the cold ground to tell us that Spring has come.

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And ice stands in the creek.

i know the sky is bluer, far, Than 'twas at yester morn,
And seems as if a message comes
From it to our world forlorn,

A message making glad the earth, A song of joy and light, Which gives the sun a warmer glow, And melts the snow from sight,

And soon the brook will break away
The chains of ice and snow,
And leap and bound with Joyful sound
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Eunice Holt, Pa.

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Authorities differ as to the origin of the word Rosemary. Some, for example, think that it must have been named after the Virgin Mary, but in reality it is only an adaptation of the Latin, Rosemarinus. An ancient writer explains the name by saying that Rosemary is a plant that grows by the sea (mare, from which marinus is derived), and the syllable "rose," is explained as meaning dew (ros) because the plant is often seen glittering with dew on the shores of the sea.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q. What is the correct name for Christmas Cactus? W. C. B., Okla.

A. Zygocactus truncatus is the botanical name but is is also called Epiphyllum truncatum. EDITOR.

Q. How should Oxalis be planted? N. C.

A. Place the bulbs just below the surface of the soil, about three in a five or six-inch pot, in porous soil consisting of loam, leaf mold and sand. Never allow your pot to become dry and give them plenty of sun. EDITOR.

Q. Do Tuberoses bloom year? V W. B., N Y. more than

A. Tuberoses must be treated as annuals, for each bulb blooms but once. Then the offsets are planted to produce new bulbs. EDITOR.

Q. Why are some plants called annuals and perennials, while others are tender perennials? R. W. G., Kans.

A. An annual lasts one season must be replanted the next year. ennials are hardy, lasting an indefinite length of time, but tender perennials, though hardy, need protection in the EDITOR.

Q. When should Easter Lily bulbs be planted in order to have blooms for Easter?
A. E. T., La.

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A. For Easter blooming, the Lilium Longiflorum Giganteum should be planted in November. If potted September fif-teenth they will bloom for Christmas. EDITOR.



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Q. What should I do for my house Hy-Hangeas? The foliage is turning vellowish atween the veins. F. M. N. J.

A. Add a little nitrate of soda to the potting soil and water freely, but never allow the foliage to remain wet over night, or the plant to stand in a vessel partly filled with water. EDITOR.

Q. How is the Boxwood propagated?

Ohio.

A. Boxwood can be raised from cuttings and layers. Take green cuttings in the Summer and place them in frames shaded during the heat of the day. These produce roots freely in a few days. you can take ripe wood cuttings in the Fall and place them in boxes in a cool greenhouse; they will usually be well-rooted by Spring Some varieties grow from cuttings set in the open gound in Spring, but the soil should be packed firmly around the base of the cuttings to insure the production of roots. EDITOR.

Q. How are Rhododendrous propagated and when is the best time? B. C., N. J.

A. Most Rhododendrons are propagated by layers. Bend down the shoots, cut them slightly and then peg them down These will root readily. February is the best month for doing this. EDITOR.

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Q. What is the False Acacia? G. M., Onio A. False Acacia, also known as Black Locust and Yellow Locust, is Pseudacacia, a tree with dark brown barl and prickly branches, and white flowers in May and June. EDITOR.

Q. Please tell me my state Flower, S. C. Wisc.

The state flower of Wisconsin the Violet. EDITOR.

lilies grown fron Q. How are Ved? M. G., Ills. Water seed?

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